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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
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Sanders Issues Statement on Proposed State Legislation that Could Unfairly Help City of Industry Attract NFL Team from California City

Mayor Sanders issued the following statement today in response to last week's vote by the State Assembly that gives the City of Industry exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act as it relates to that city's proposed construction of a new NFL stadium.

"I am very disappointed by the rushed action taken last week by the State Assembly to approve AB X3 81, which provides environmental exemptions to the City of Industry as it pursues the development of a new NFL stadium."

"The bill, which was introduced just a couple of days before the end of the legislative session, clearly gives special treatment to the City of Industry."

"Fortunately, Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg recognizes the need to thoroughly discuss this bill. I appreciate Senator Steinberg's leadership in providing time for an honest review of this proposed legislation."

"If the City of Industry is provided any exemptions or benefits for the development of a new stadium, these same types of exemptions and benefits must also be offered to every city in the state."

"Over the next two weeks, we'll be working with our legislators to ensure that the legislation promotes an increase in the number of NFL teams in California, but not at the expense of any other California city with an NFL team."

"Locally, I'll continue to work with the Chargers to keep them here in San Diego County. The team is an important part of our community and I am committed to making sure they remain here for years to come."

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